**Socratic Seminar: The Nature of Government - Wrap-Up Assessment**

**Assessment Overview**

In the New Yorker article titled “The Case Against Democracy”, Caleb Cain summarizes the principal concerns with democracy and its voting base—that most voters are uninformed, and that leads to harsh, reflective questions about why every person deserves a vote.

Jason Brennan, political philosophy professor of Georgetown university, comprises the principal portion of this article, and outlines his arguments against the notion of “one man, one vote” *i.e.,* every citizen above the age of 18 has the right to vote. He does not believe that democracy, as we know it, works properly.

**Assessment Prompt**

You will be approaching and discussing the following prompt:

* *Is the “one man, one vote” philosophy we employ in our democracy the best method?*

Please write a short (short!) essay outlining your argument. In writing this essay, you should be utilizing the reading as a way to frame your argument. *i.e.,* to what extent do you agree with Jason Brennan? Quote from the reading and build your argument.

**Rubric**

Your essay must be **one page minimum, double-spaced**. You should be **utilizing quotes from the reading here**, as well as possible quotes from the readings given for the Socratic Seminar, but **quotes from the Socratic Seminar readings** **are not necessary**.

Feel free to write as much as you’d like, but you don’t have to kill yourselves on this one. Nonetheless, I am looking for the following:

1. Clarity of argument. Do you have a thesis statement? Do you have supporting evidence? Is your opinion clear in your writing?
2. Cleanliness of writing. Do you have proper punctuation and spelling? Does your writing flow evenly, and do you make your argument in an order that the reader can follow?
3. Use of textual evidence. Did you quote from the New Yorker article?

**Due Date**

This essay is due on **Monday, October 30th.**